

# ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH

OF THE

## Maidstone Rural Sanitary District

### IN 1895.

CENSUS, 1881.		CENSUS, 1891.	
Number of Acres .....	34,670	Number of Acres .....	34,670
Inhabited Houses.....	3,204	Inhabited Houses.....	3,275
Population.....	15,492	Population.....	15,907

The population at the middle of 1895 was 16088, estimated by the method adopted by the Registrar-General.

The number of Births registered during the year was 430, including 196 of males, and 234 of females. The Birth-rate per 1000 persons living in the District was 26·7 as against 29·4 in 1894.

There were 312 Deaths registered during the year, which include 175 of males, and 137 of females, 66 of these occurred in the Workhouse, and the Death-rate was 19·3.

The Deaths from the seven principal zymotic diseases were 26, including 8 of Diphtheria, 1 from Whooping Cough and 17 from Diarrhœa.

The zymotic Death-rate was 1·6 as against 1·5 in 1894.

**TABLE A.**

*The number of Deaths from all causes and from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases with their Death Rates; the principal causes of Death, and the Infant Mortality in the Maidstone Rural District, in each Quarter of 1895.*

Quarters.	Total Deaths.	Death Rate per 1000.	Deaths from 7 principal Zymotic Diseases.	Zymotic Death Rate.	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhœa.	Croup.	Influenza.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	Other Diseases.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1000 Births.
1st	108	26·8	3	0·7			1				2		10			10	26	7		52	202
2nd	64	13·4	3	0·7			1				2		·4			8	5	5		39	63
3rd	82	20·3	15	3·9			3			1	11					7	8	5		47	161
4th	58	14·4	5	1·2			3				2			2		11	3	7		30	134
Totals	312	19·3	26	1·6			8			1	17		14	2		36	42	24		168	139

**TABLE B.**

*Deaths from Zymotic Diseases during the past ten years and in 1895.*

Zymotic Diseases.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	Average of 10 years.	1895.
SMALL POX .....	2										0·2	
SCARLET FEVER .....					1	1		1	2	3	0·8	
DIPHTHERIA ..	3	1	2		1	4	2	2	10	2	2·7	8
FEVERS .....		1	2		1	1	1		2	1	0·9	
MEASLES.....	4	1	2		7	1		5	3	3	2·6	
WHOOPIG COUGH ..	4	3		13	6	6	3		3	13	5·1	1
DIARRHŒA .....	1	7	3	3	7	6	1	4	8	2	4·2	17
TOTAL SEVEN ZYMOTICS...	14	13	9	16	23	19	7	12	28	24	16·5	26
OTHER ZYMOTICS .....	6	4	4	2	2	5	5	23	7	5	6·3	16
TOTALS .....	20	17	13	18	25	24	12	35	35	29	22·8	42



**TABLE C.**

*The more populous Parishes in the Maidstone Rural District range in order of their Death-rates; total Deaths, Deaths from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases, and the Zymotic Death-rate for the year 1895.*

Parishes.	Census Population, 1891.	Total Deaths.	Death Rate per 1000.	Deaths from 7 principal Zymotic Diseases.	Zymotic Death-rate.
LINTON & LODDINGTON.....	990	6	5.9	0	0.0
EAST FARLEIGH .....	1603	19	11.2	3	1.8
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA ..	1117	13	11.5	0	0.0
STAPLEHURST .....	1818	23	12.0	0	0.0
MARDEN .....	2350	29	12.2	2	0.8
LOOSE .....	1501	24	16.0	2	1.3
BEARSTED .....	645	12	18.0	5	7.5
HUNTON .....	934	18	18.6	2	2.0
YALDING.....	2595	50	19.2	3	1.1
EAST & WEST BARMING ..	704	18	25.7	3	4.2
NETTLESTEAD .....	514	15	29.8	1	1.9

Under the provisions of the Infectious Disease Notification Act, 95 cases were reported, as against 104 cases in 1894, and 186 in 1893.

They included 3 of Small Pox, 47 of Scarlet Fever, 29 of Diphtheria, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Continued Fever, and 13 of Erysipilas.

**Small Pox.**—The three reported cases occurred in the Parish of Teston amongst immigrant hop-pickers, but none proved fatal.

**Scarlet Fever.**—Forty-seven cases were returned as against 55 cases in 1894, and all recovered.

They occurred:—One in the Parish of Boughton Monchelsea, 1 in East Farleigh, 6 in Hunton, 11 in Linton and Loddington, 5 in Loose, 16 in Marden, 1 in Staplehurst, 1 in Teston, and 5 in Yalding.

**Diphtheria.**—Twenty-nine cases as against 27 in 1894 were reported, 8 of which proved fatal.

They occurred:—Seven in Barming with 3 deaths, 5 in Bearsted all fatal, 1 in each of the Parishes of Boughton Monchelsea and East Farleigh, 4 in Loose, 7 in Marden, 1 in Staplehurst, 2 in Teston, and 1 in Yalding. All the deaths from this disease occurred in the two first named Parishes.

**Enteric Fever.**—Two cases only, neither of which were fatal, occurred 1 in the Parish of Marden, and the other in the Parish of Staplehurst. This shows a considerable decrease from last year, when there were 4 cases and 1 death.

**Measles.**—No deaths from this disease occurred during 1895.

**Whooping-cough.**—Caused only 1 death in the Parish of West Farleigh, which shows a great decrease from 1894, when 13 deaths were reported.

**Erysipelas.**—Of the 13 cases reported two proved fatal in the Parish of Hunton.

Of the seven principal Zymotic Diseases **Diarrhoea** proved to be the most fatal, causing 17 deaths, distributed in the Eight Parishes of—East Farleigh 3 deaths, West Farleigh 1, Hunton 2, Loose 2, Marden 2, Nettlestead and Otham 1 each, Yalding 3 and 2 deaths in the Workhouse.

A list of work carried out by Mr. STALLARD, and the tables required by the Local Government Board are appended.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES SCOTT TEW.

April 2nd, 1896.





*MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.*

Work carried out by Mr. Stallard, Year ending December 31st, 1895.

Number of	Blocks of	Hopper Houses inspected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	343
,,	Hopper Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3518
,,	Costers' Barrows inspected, about	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400
,,	Nuisances discovered, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
,,	Blocks of Hoppers' Cooking Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	267
,,	Tents inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	251
,,	Revisits made	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	288

GENERAL INSPECTION WORK:—

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TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1895, in the Maidstone Rural Sanitary District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																									
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and up- wards.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
								Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued Fevers.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease	Influenza.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL				
East and West Barming .....	18	3	3	1	3	4	4	Under 5		2												2		2		1					3	7	
Bearsted .....	12		4	2		1	5	Under 5		1												3									4	11	
Boughton Monchelsea .....	13	4				3	6	Under 5													2				3	1						5	9
East Farleigh.....	19	6	1	1	1	5	5	Under 5													1		2		5	1						5	7
West Farleigh .....	8	2	2			3	1	Under 5												1											2	6	
Hunton .....	18	3	1			5	9	Under 5										2				1		1							5	14	
Linton and Loddington .....	6	1		1		1	3	Under 5														1			2						1	1	
Loose .....	24	7	6		2	3	6	Under 5													2		2		1						2	5	
Marden .....	29	7	1	2	3	6	10	Under 5													2		2		2						5	11	
Nettlestead .....	15	7	1		2	1	4	Under 5													1		1		2	1					4	8	
Otham .....	6	2				2	2	Under 5															1									6	8
Staplehurst.....	23	6	2		1	8	6	Under 5														4	1	2		1	1				8	15	
Teston .....	5		1		1	1	2	Under 5																	1						3	4	
Yalding .....	50	9	4	2	3	7	25	Under 5													2		2		2						6	13	
Workhouse .....	66	3		2	2	27	32	Under 5													1				5						21	37	
Totals.....	312	60	26	11	18	77	120	Under 5		5								2		1	8		28	34	24	12			116		228		





TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year 1895, in the Maidstone Rural Sanitary District; classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Insti- tutions being shown as separate localities.	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1895.			1	2	3	4	FEVERS.				10	11	12	13		
									Typhus.	Interic or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.					Puerperal.	Cholera.
East and West Barming .....	704	699		Under 5 5 Upwards														
Bearsted .....	645	665		Under 5 5 Upwards													1	
Boughton Monchelsea .....	1117	1125		Under 5 5 Upwards		1											1	
East Farleigh.....	1611	1603		Under 5 5 Upwards		1												
West Farleigh .....	438	464		Under 5 5 Upwards													2	
Hunton .....	934	963		Under 5 5 Upwards		3											2	
Linton and Loddington .....	990	1010		Under 5 5 Upwards		3												
Loose .....	1501	1500		Under 5 5 Upwards		5		4										
Marden .....	2350	2365		Under 5 5 Upwards		8		1									2	
Nettlestead .....	514	502		Under 5 5 Upwards		8		6									1	
Otham .....	361	356		Under 5 5 Upwards													1	
Staplehurst.....	1818	1902		Under 5 5 Upwards		1											1	
Teston .....	329	333		Under 5 5 Upwards	1	1		1										
Yalding .....	2595	2601		Under 5 5 Upwards		5		1									2	
Totals .....	15907	16088	430	Under 5 5 Upwards	1 2	15 32	7 22		1 1		1						13	

NOTE.—Notification of Infectious Disease compulsory since January, 1890. No Isolation Hospital.

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